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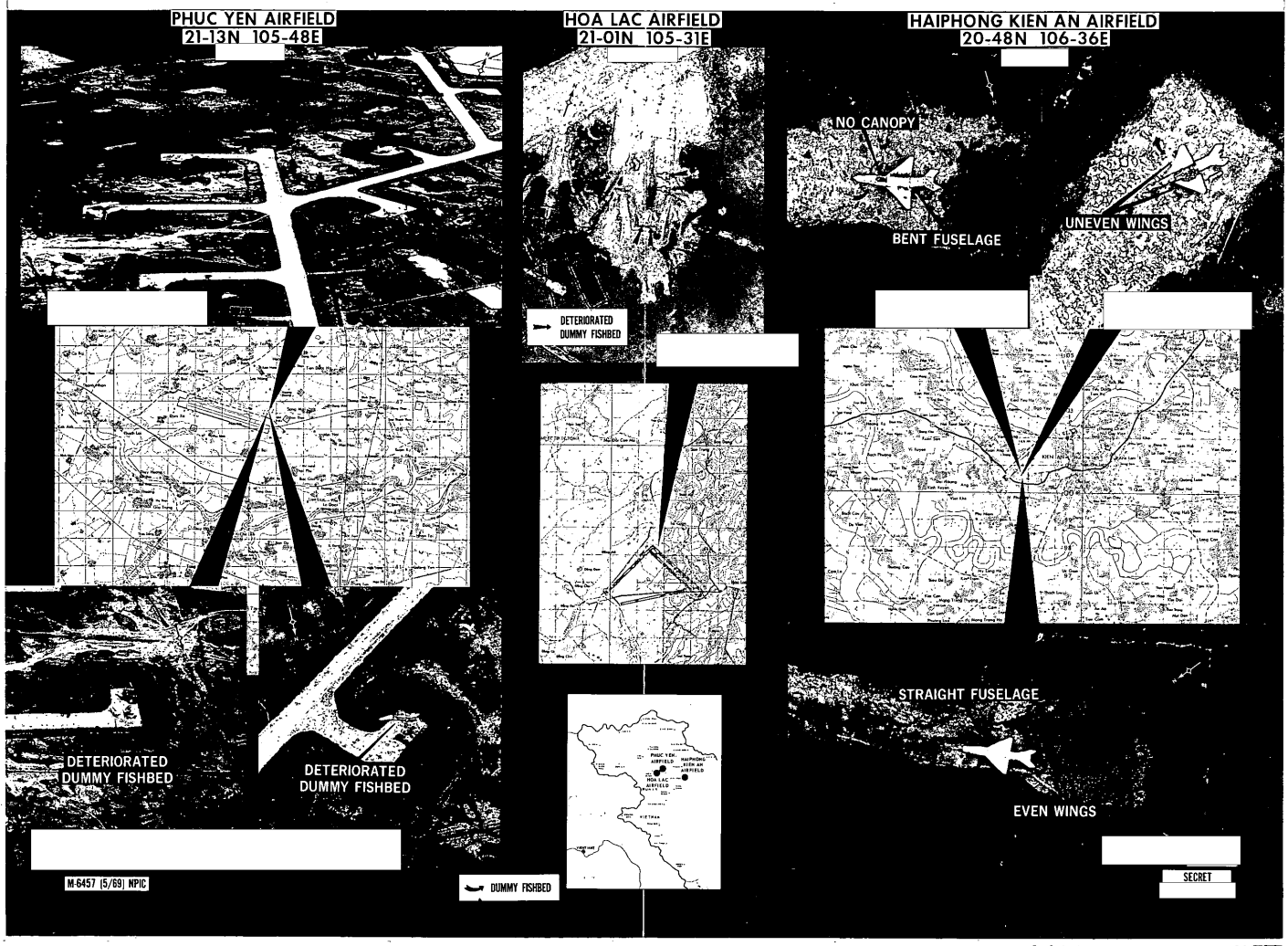

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS RENEWED CONSTRUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF DUMMY FISHBED AIRCRAFT AT THREE MAJOR AIRFIELDS IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. BACKGROUND:

THE INITIAL ATTEMPT AT CONSTRUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF A DUMMY FISHBED WAS OBSERVED AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD IN APRIL 1967. THE DUMMY AIRCRAFT [redacted] AND APPEARED TO BE CONSTRUCTED OF WOOD. 25X1 THIS INITIAL EFFORT WAS SOON ABANDONED AND DUMMY FISHBED DISAPPEARED FROM THE AIRFIELD.

4. MISSION READOUT:

[redacted] REVEALED THE DEPLOYMENT 25X1 OF TWO DUMMY FISHBED AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD. THE DUMMY FISHBED ARE IN THE DISPERSAL AREA AT THE ESE END OF THE RUNWAY. SUBSEQUENT PHOTOGRAPHY FROM [redacted] REVEALED THE COMPLETE DETERIORATION OF THE 25X1 SAME TWO DUMMY AIRCRAFT.

LOW LEVEL DRONE PHOTOGRAPHY [redacted] REVEALED SIX DUMMY 25X1 FISHBED IN AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS IN THE DISPERSAL AREA AT HAIPHONG KIEN AN

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AIRFIELD. (FOUR OF THE DUMMY AIRCRAFT WERE FIRST OBSERVED [redacted] 25X1 FIVE (ALL NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) OF THE DUMMY FISHBED ARE POORLY CONSTRUCTED, EVIDENCED BY THE LACK OF EXACTNESS OF CONFIGURATION AND OVERALL DESIGN DETAIL. THE SIXTH DUMMY FISHBED IN COMPARISON WITH THE OTHERS OBSERVED IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF DUMMY AIRCRAFT CONSTRUCTION. IT IS EVIDENT THAT CONSIDERABLE EFFORT WAS PUT FORTH IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS DUMMY.

PHOTOGRAPHY [redacted] REVEALED FOUR 25X1 DUMMY FISHBED AIRCRAFT AT HOA LAC AIRFIELD. THE DUMMY AIRCRAFT ARE PARKED IN A LARGE AIRCRAFT REVETMENT ADJACENT TO THE SSW/NNE NATURAL SURFACE RUNWAY. THE DUMMY FISHBED APPEAR TO BE THE SAME AS THOSE OBSERVED AT PHUC YEN AND HAIPHONG KIEN AN AIRFIELDS. ALL OF THESE DUMMY FISHBED APPEAR IN A DETERIORATED CONDITION.

5. REMARKS:

THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO PRESENT AN IMPRESSION OF A GREATER IN-COUNTRY FISHBED STRENGTH THAN THEY ACTUALLY POSSESS. A TOTAL OF TWELVE DUMMY FISHBED HAVE BEEN OBSERVED TO DATE. IF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COULD PRODUCE DUMMY FISHBED COMPARABLE WITH THE ONE EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OBSERVED AT HAIPHONG KIEN AN AIRFIELD, IDENTIFICATION ON HIGH LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY WOULD CERTAINLY BE MORE DIFFICULT.

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